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## ***JANUARY - MARCH 2008 MILK PRODUCTION UP***

**SIOUX FALLS, April 18, 2008** -- The **January - March 2008 quarterly milk production** for South Dakota totaled 426 million pounds, 6 percent above last year's 401 million pounds and 3 percent above last quarter, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

During the first quarter of 2008, the **average number of milk cows**, at 87,000, is up 3,000 head from last year and up 1,000 head from last quarter.

During 2007, the number of **milk cows** averaged 85,000, up from the previous year's average of 81,000 head. **Milk produced per cow** averaged 19,306 pounds, up from 18,580 pounds in 2006. **Total milk** produced in 2007, at 1,641 million pounds, was up 9 percent from the 1,505 million pounds of 2006.

*Access this complete report at:*

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